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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
for the year ended 31st December, 1965.

To: The Chairman and Members of the  
Knighton Rural District Council.

July, 1966

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Walker and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege to submit my 22nd Annual Report upon the vital statistics, sanitary conditions and general health in the Rural District of Knighton.

In submitting my report I shall endeavour to include, in addition to the required statistics and particulars of infectious diseases, an account of sanitation in the area under my control.

Satisfactory progress has been maintained during the year with erection of new private dwellings and also the modernisation of existing houses. The Council operate both the Discretionary Improvement Grant Scheme and the Standard Grant Scheme under the Housing Acts and it is encouraging to note that owners of properties in the area take advantage of these schemes in order to bring houses that are capable of improvement up to modern standards.

During the year 70 applications and plans were submitted to the Council for Building Byelaw consideration and all were approved. This was an increase on last year's figures when 62 applications were approved for such purposes.

Since 1945 a total of 79 new houses have been erected by private owners and at the end of the year a further 5 houses were under construction. With the installation of further village sewerage schemes no doubt that these figures will tend to continue.

The Norton Sewerage Scheme which was the first village sewerage scheme to be undertaken by the Council was completed early in the year and all properties capable of being drained thereto have been connected to the Scheme.

OFFICIALS.

The Ministry of Health has requested details and qualifications of the Council's Senior Public Health Officers, which are as follows:-

Medical Officer of Health (Part-time) Dr.J.G. Garman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Public Health Inspector (Full-time) D.I. Davies, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., M.R.I.P.H.H.

All matters of Public Health are under the control of these Officers, and the whole Council deal with matters of Public Health, there being no separate Public Health Committee for the Council.

STATISTICS.

Total Area (in acres of the District)	88,667.
Population (Estimated)	2,680.
Rateable Value	64,968.

LIVE BIRTHS.

There were 38 live births registered during the year, of which 22 were male and 16 female, giving a birth rate of 14.17 per 1,000 of the population of the area.

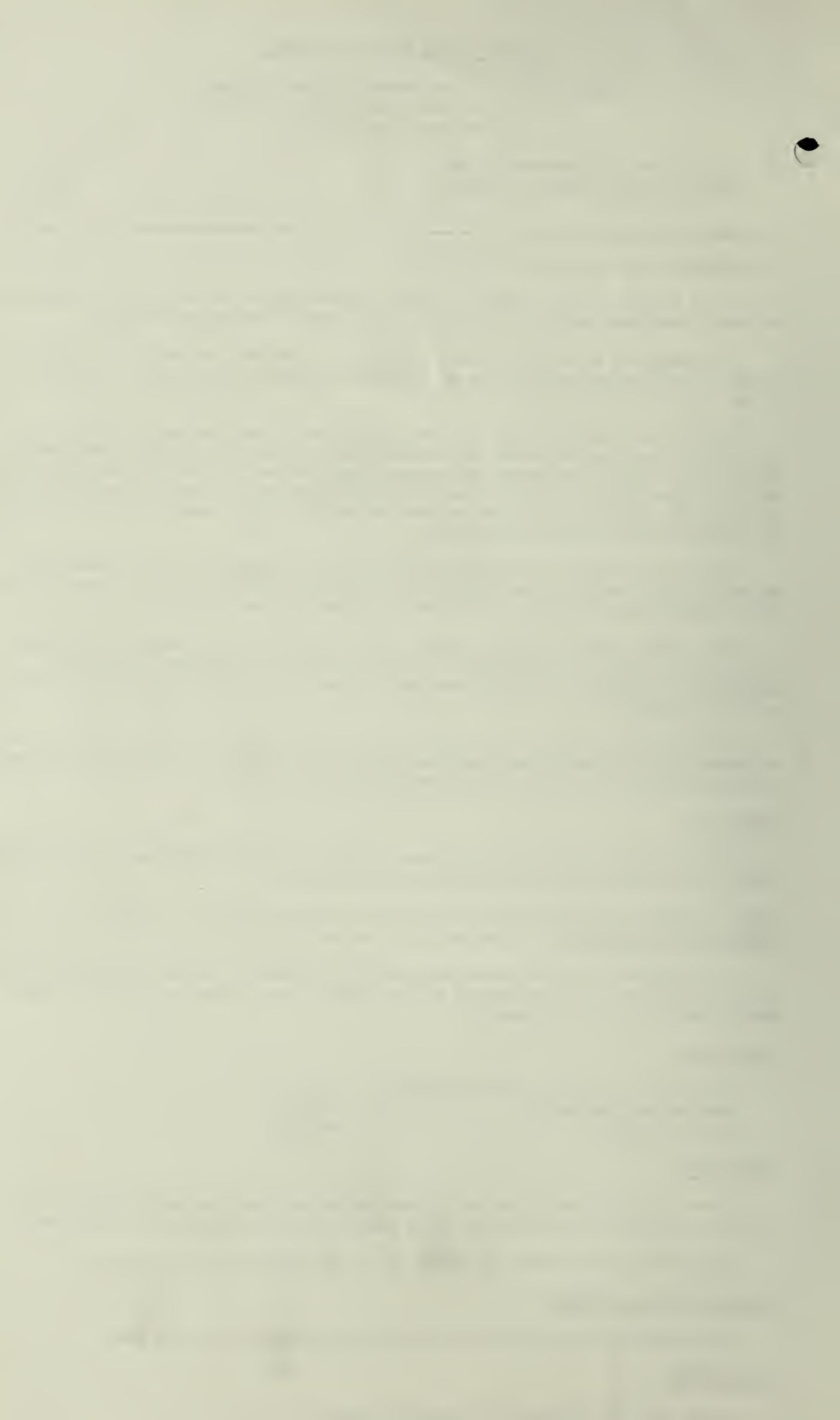
The birth rate for 1964 was 18.14 per 1,000 population of the area.

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS.

There were no illegitimate live births registered during the year.

STILLBIRTHS.

There were no stillbirths registered during the year.



## DEATHS.

The total number of deaths of all ages registered during the year was 33, giving a death rate of 12.31 for the whole district as compared with 34 deaths in 1964 giving a rate of 12.59 per 1,000.

## INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There was 1 infant death (Male) under 1 year of age.

## AREA COMPARABILITY FACTORS.

Births 1.27                      Deaths 0.88.

## ANTE-NATAL CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRE.

There are Ante-Natal Infant Welfare and Tuberculosis Clinics in operation at Knighton and Llandrindod Wells. The home visiting of expectant mothers attending the Ante-Natal Clinic is undertaken by the Midwives.

Within reasonable distance, Hereford, Shrewsbury, Llandrindod Wells and Newtown Hospitals are available for treatment, and Hereford and Shrewsbury have centres for the treatment of venereal diseases.

## ORTHOPEADIC SCHEME.

This scheme covers all children and adults with fortnightly clinic at Llandrindod Wells.

## SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Resulting from the regular inspection, provision is made for treatment. An Eye Clinic is installed in Knighton and Llandrindod Wells. A Mobile Dental Service is provided at each school in the area.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following infectious diseases were notified during the year.

Measles. Twenty-six cases, being 15 male and 11 females.

## SCHOOL CANTEENS.

All schools in the Rural District have canteens where mid-day meals are provided for the scholars.

## FOOD INSPECTION.

All food premises within the District are periodically inspected by the Public Health Inspector.

## WATER SUPPLIES.


During the year a start was made on the installation of a new village water supply scheme for Llanbister and the whole of this work should be completed early in the new year.

Extension of Llandewy Ystradenny water supply scheme to serve properties in the Crossways area was also completed and all properties within the limits of the supply were connected to the mains.

Regular samples are taken from all the Council's Supplies by the Public Health Inspector and these are bacteriologically analysed at the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury and at the Public Health Laboratory, County Hospital, Hereford. The supplies generally are very good and no treatment is being carried out.

There are no public swimming baths within the Rural District.





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The number of dwelling houses and the estimated population supplied from public water mains direct to the houses in the various parishes are as follows:-

<u>PARISH.</u>	<u>HOUSES.</u>	<u>EST. POP.</u>
Beguildy	82	328
Bleddfa	32	128
Cascob	16	64
Discoed	7	28
Heyope	29	116
Litton	1	4
Llananno	-	-
Llanbadarn Fynydd	14	56
Llanbister	3	12
Llandewy Ystradenny	26	104
Llanfihangel Rhydithon	48	192
Llangunllo	42	168
Norton	47	188
Pilleth	1	4
Stanage	-	-
Whitton	8	32

There are 20 dwelling houses supplied from Standpipes, i.e., 7 at Llaithddu village in the Parish of Llanbadarn Fynydd, and 13 at Llanbister. As soon as the Llanbister village scheme is completed all the 13 properties above will be able to have a piped supply of water within the dwelling houses.

#### SEWERAGE.

The Norton Sewerage Scheme was completed early in the year and the Council's Consulting Engineers are dealing with preparatory work in connection with schemes for Llandewy Ystradenny and Llangunllo.

After these schemes have been installed, consideration will have to be given to the villages of Felindre, Beguildy, Lloiney, Knucklas, Llanbister, Llanbadarn Fynydd and Dolau.

#### MILK SUPPLY.

There are no main dealers premises situated within the Council's area, but three retailers from adjoining Authorities retail milk in this Rural District.

#### ICECREAM.

There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the area, and only five are registered for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice cream. Periodical inspection of these premises are carried out by the Public Health Inspector, and conditions are generally satisfactory.



RODENT CONTROL - Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

A systematic survey of properties is being carried out by the Council's Rodent Operator and treatment given where found necessary.

MIDWIVES ACT.

The District Nurses working in the Rural Area act as Health Visitors for the County Council. Mrs. Hamer is employed also on full time Health Visiting in the area.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

There are only two factories situated within the Rural District.

OUTWORKERS.

So far as is known to your Officers there are no outworkers in the Rural Area.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are no common lodging houses in the District.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding my Annual Report, I would express my thanks to the Members and Staff of the Council for their help and co-operation in my work as Medical Officer of Health.

I have the honour to remain  
Your obedient Servant.

J. G. Garman

Medical Officer of Health.





